

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: April 26-27, 2006

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR THREE
TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECTS, PER FY 2005-06
TCRP ALLOCATION PLAN AND CRITERIA
WAIVER-06-17**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the contract award time extensions for the period of time indicated for each project on the attachment.

ISSUE:

On September 29, 2005, the Commission allocated construction funding for three Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) projects totaling \$54,890,000, as shown on the attached list. In accordance with the Commission's Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 TCRP Allocation Plan and Criteria, the deadline to award the contracts was March 28, 2006. The responsible agencies were not able to award the contracts by the deadline and request extensions.

BACKGROUND:

At its July 2005 meeting, the Commission adopted the FY 2005-06 TCRP Allocation Plan and Criteria, which limited FY 2005-06 allocation projects ready to proceed to construction within six months. The FY 2005-06 TCRP Allocation Plan and Criteria also requires receiving agencies to request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within the six months.

Attachment

Time Extension / Waiver – Contract Award

Project Number	Project Description	Agency	Allocated Amount (x \$1,000)	Reason for Delay	Agency Request	
					Months	Until end of (month-yr)
49.1	Hollywood Intermodal Transportation Center; ATCE in the Center Service Area	City of Los Angeles	\$2,500	This project was advertised and bids were opened on December 7, 2005. Of the two bids received, the low bid was 104% greater than the City's estimate and the other bidder was non-responsive. The project was re-advertised February 24, 2006, with bid opening scheduled for April 5, 2006. In order to allow for possible problems, the City needs an extended period to complete the process and anticipates awarding the construction contract no later than September 2006.	6	September 2006
54.1	Alameda Corridor East Grade Separations – Sunset Avenue	Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE)	\$47,720	The project was advertised and bids were opened on January 19, 2006. Only two bids were received and the low bid was \$9.6 million over the engineer's estimate. Opportunities to lower the cost of the project were identified from the bid analysis. ACE anticipates that the construction contract will be awarded no later than September 2006.	6	September 2006
97.2	Traffic Operations Improvements	California State University, Fresno	\$4,670	The final engineer's estimate exceeded the TCRP funds available. The University has incorporated Value Engineering and has re-designed the project to stay within budget. The University is working with the Council of Fresno County of Governments to ensure the redesign meets the projected traffic demand. Starting construction at the end of the spring academic semester also mitigates the traffic impacts around the University.	4	July 2006

Total \$54,890